

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 654

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the 2013 Henry County High School football team for winning the TSSAA Class 5A championship.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those student-athletes who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as true sportsmen of whom all can be proud; and

WHEREAS, the members of the 2013 Henry County High School (HCHS) football team have proven themselves to be the ablest of competitors and, as such, deserving of the highest regard; and

WHEREAS, the HCHS Patriots have counted among their players some of the most talented young athletes Tennessee has ever produced; and

WHEREAS, under the astute leadership of Coach James Counce, who was named the 2011 Titans High School Football Coach of the Year, the team propelled itself to an undefeated 15-0 record during the 2013 season and claimed its second state football championship in the past three years, having previously won it all in 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Patriots ran off 10 victories during the regular season before making their phenomenal playoff run of 5 more consecutive wins; and

WHEREAS, Henry County blasted Kenwood 52-8, sneaked by Memphis East 17-14, bested Ridgeway 42-21, and destroyed Northeast 43-14 to advance to the Class 5A championship game; and

WHEREAS, in the BlueCross Bowl, the HCHS Patriots edged out Knoxville West 28-27 to capture their second TSSAA Class 5A state championship; and

WHEREAS, the Henry County Patriots football team has displayed the tenacity, camaraderie, and skill befitting one of the State's finest athletic teams; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the 2013 Henry County High School football team, not only for the team's second championship win, but also for the players' superior sportsmanship and the joy they have brought to their fellow students and the people of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate the members of the 2013 Henry County High School football team and Coach James Counce for winning their second Class 5A state championship in the past three years and extend to them our best wishes for future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.